

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 979 without my signature.

While I support maximizing federal funding and have secured more than 1.7 billion dollars in new federal funds to maintain the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, I can not support this bill as it is not necessary. The Department of Social Services can already identify and apply for any federal funds that are available to support or enhance the IHSS program.

For this reason, I am returning AB 979 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger